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THIS IS A
JOB...



...FOR
PERRY WHITE!



WHO IS THIS STARTLING NEW FIGURE STREAKING ACROSS THE MORNING SKY? NONE OTHER THAN THE GUTSY NEWSPAPER EDITOR WHOSE LIFE TAKES A TURN FOR THE BIZARRE WHEN HE ENCOUNTERS...

"The SUPER-CIGARS of PERRY WHITE!"

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9 A.M. IN METROPOLIS AS DAILY PLANET EDITOR PERRY WHITE ENTERS THE GALAXY BUILDING...

GALAXY COMMUNICA

THERE HE IS--
GOING INSIDE
TO WORK!

WE'D
BETTER
ACT FAST!

WE MUST LEVITATE
THE GIFT TO HIM
BEFORE HE REACHES
HIS OFFICE!

I'M SURE HE'LL
BE PLEASED WITH
OUR PRESENT!

IT'S THE
PERFECT
THING TO
GIVE HIM
AFTER HE
HELPED US
MUTANTS
ESCAPE THE
INFLUENCE
OF THAT
MADMAN
CALIXTO!*

IT'S GOING
INTO HIS
OFFICE
WINDOW!

THAT ENDS OUR
MISSION HERE!
LET'S TELEPORT
OURSELVES
BACK TO
OUR OWN PLANET!

AND BEFORE
ANYONE CAN
NOTICE THAT
THE TWO
STRANGE
PEOPLE HAD
EVER BEEN
THERE...

...THEY
DISAPPEAR...

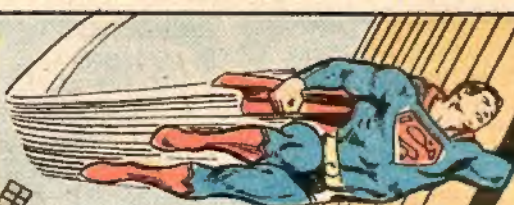
...JUST AS
PERRY WHITE
APPEARS IN
HIS OFFICE...

GREAT CAESAR'S
GHOST! I DON'T
EVEN HAVE TIME
TO LIGHT UP A
CIGAR AND MY
PHONE RINGS!

BRRRINNN

*EDITOR'S NOTE:
"ATTACK BY THE ARMY
OF TOMORROW"
SUPERMAN #265

AT THAT SAME
MOMENT A RED-
AND-BLUE FORM
STREAKS FASTER
THAN THE EYE
CAN FOLLOW
INTO THE
GALAXY
BUILDING...



LOOKS LIKE
CLARK KENT WILL
BE ON TIME FOR
WORK THIS MORNING
AFTER ALL!



THOUGHT I WOULDN'T
GET BACK FROM THE
SIRIUS STAR-SYSTEM
BY 9 A.M....

... THOSE
SPACE-WARPS
KEPT THROWING
ME OFF-COURSE!



UH-OH! MY
SUPER-HEARING
IS PICKING UP MY
OFFICE PHONE
RINGING!

BETTER
RUSH OUT
AND ANSWER
IT!

BUT AS THE ANXIOUS REPORTER
DASHES TOWARD HIS OFFICE...

URFF!

EXCUSE
ME... MISS!

OHH!

YOU CLUMSY--
HEY!
YOU'RE CLARK
KENT, ANCHOR-
MAN ON THE
SIX O'CLOCK
NEWS!

YOU MIGHT KNOW
HOW TO SOUND CALM
AND ASSURED ON
THE AIR...

... BUT IN
PERSON
YOU'VE GOT
ALL THE
GRACE OF A
GORILLA!

AND WHEN THE REPORTER GRABS HIS PHONE...

HELLO...
PERRY WHITE--?
HOW ARE YOU--

WH-WHAT'S
THAT YOU
SAY--?

YOU HEARD
IT RIGHT
THE FIRST
TIME, CLARK...

I'VE JUST BEEN
NOTIFIED THAT
I WON THE
**PULITZER
PRIZE** THIS
YEAR--FOR MY
REPORTING ON
THE MUTANT
ARMY OF
TOMORROW!*

WELL,
LET ME
BE THE
FIRST TO CONGRATU-
LATE YOU!
IT'S YOUR
**SECOND
PULITZER**,
ISN'T IT?

MY THIRD--
AND IT'S NO
GREAT SHAKES!

THE REASON
I'M CALLING
IS THAT
**MORGAN
EDGE** WANTS
TO PLAY IT
UP BIG ON
WGBS-TV
AND IN THE
**DAILY
PLANET!**

WE'RE BOTH
TO FLY OUT TO
**COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY**
IN NEW YORK--
ME TO ACCEPT
THE PRIZE, YOU
TO COVER IT!

*AS REPORTED IN
SUPERMAN #265-- EDITOR.

FINE, PERRY--AND THE
**GALAXY COMMUNICATIONS
EXECUTIVE PLANE** IS WAITING
FOR US AT THE AIRPORT?
BE RIGHT THERE!

HMPH!
I JUST FLEW
BACK FROM
ANOTHER
PLANET
UNDER MY
OWN POWER
AND NOW
I HAVE
TO TAKE A
PLANE
TO FLY TO
NEW
YORK!

WITHIN THE HOUR AT
**METROPOLIS NATIONAL
AIRPORT...**

I JUST DON'T
UNDERSTAND YOU,
PERRY! MY STORY
ON YOUR WINNING
THE GREATEST
HONOR ANY
NEWSMAN CAN
RECEIVE...

...WILL BE AN
INSPIRATION
TO YOUNG PEOPLE
WHO WANT TO GO
INTO JOURNALISM!

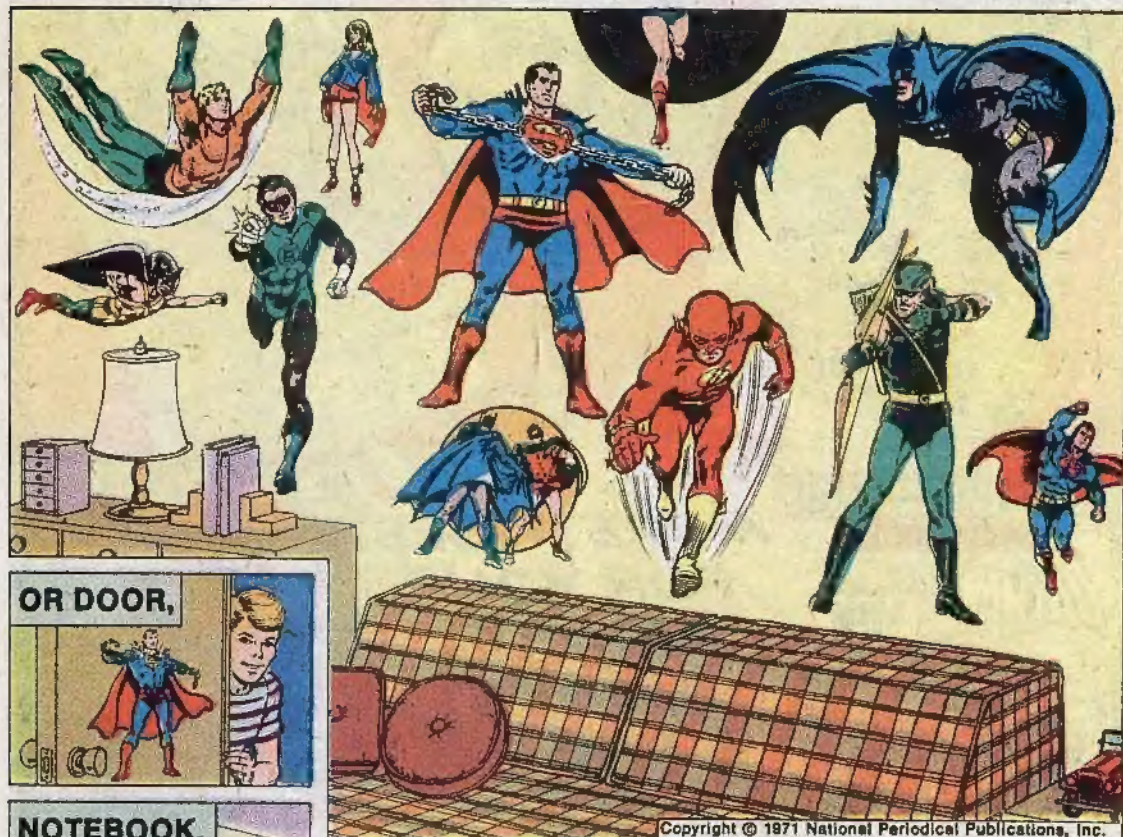
KENT,
WHEN ARE
YOU EVER
GOING TO
LEARN...

A NEWSMAN'S
JOB IS TO REPORT
THE NEWS...

...NOT TO
MAKE IT!

SUPER-BIG! SUPER-HERO STICK-ONS!

Stick your favorites up against the wall...



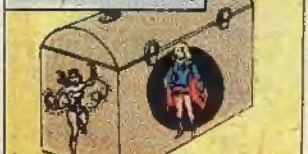
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NOTEBOOK,



LUNCHBOX,



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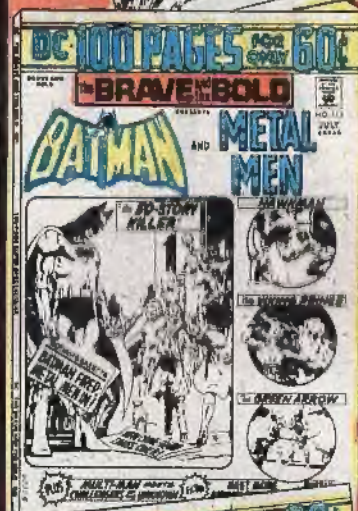
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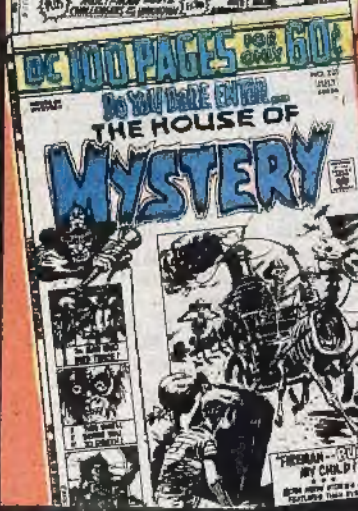
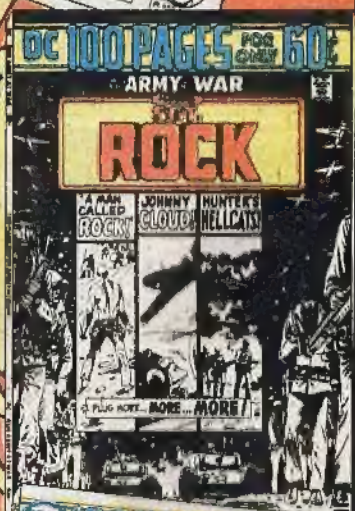
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SHORTLY, AS PERRY TRIES TO SOUND VERY OLD AND WISE IN THE GALAXY PLANE CAREENING ACROSS THE SKIES...

>UNHH!<
THE PLANE
DROPPED
SUDDENLY!

THAT'S NOT
HOW MY X-RAY
VISION SEES IT!

WE MUST
HAVE HIT
A HEAVY
AIR-POCKET!



A PRESSURE-LEAK
IN THE CABIN HAS
LEFT THE PILOT OUT
COLD!

I'LL HAVE TO MAKE UP
AN EXCUSE TO CHANGE
TO MY ACTION UNIFORM!

OH HH >GROAN< MY STOMACH!



HEY--THIS
IS SERIOUS!
WE'RE GOING
INTO A SPIN!

I FEEL...
SICK!

GOT TO
GET TO THE
MEDICINE
CHEST...TAKE
AN AIRSICK
PILL!



I FEEL SO
DARN HELPLESS...
AND AS USUAL,
CLARK'S NO
HELP IN THE
CLUTCH!

IF ONLY I
HAD THE
STRENGTH
TO DO
SOMETHING!



GREAT
CAESAR'S
GHOST!

I KNOCKED
A HOLE IN
THE WALL OF
THE PLANE--



--AND THE
AIR-PRESSURE
IS SWEEPING
ME OUT!?

MEANWHILE, IN THE TAIL-END OF THE PLANE...

I WONDER HOW OFTEN CLARK KENT HAS PULLED THIS AIRSICK ROUTINE--

...TO GET SUPERMAN ON-STAGE?



WHILE BELOW THE TAIL-SPINNING PLANE...

THIS IS ALL MY FAULT! IF ONLY I HAD THE POWER TO SAVE CLARK-- THE PILOT--EVEN MYSELF!

GREAT KRYPTON! WHAT'S PERRY DOING OUT HERE?!

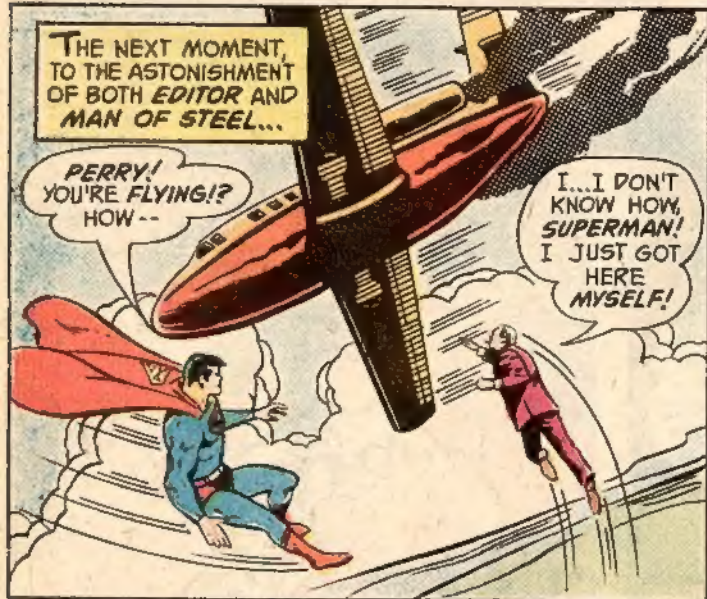
IT'D BE A SNAP-- IF I COULD FLY... LIKE SUPERMAN...



THE NEXT MOMENT, TO THE ASTONISHMENT OF BOTH EDITOR AND MAN OF STEEL...

PERRY! YOU'RE FLYING!? HOW--

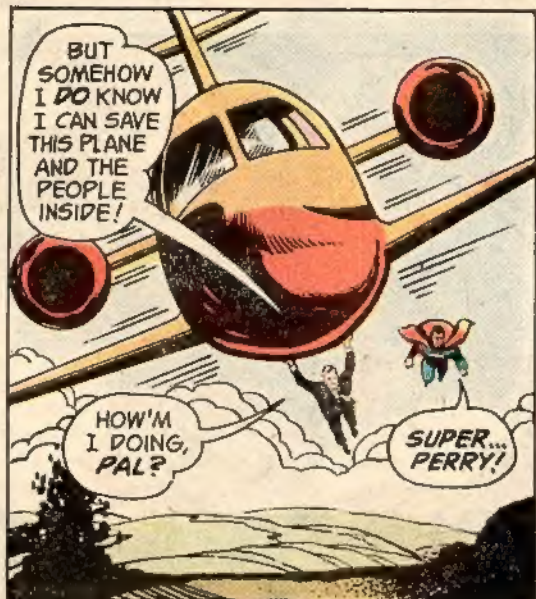
I...I DON'T KNOW HOW, SUPERMAN! I JUST GOT HERE MYSELF!



BUT SOMEHOW I DO KNOW I CAN SAVE THIS PLANE AND THE PEOPLE INSIDE!

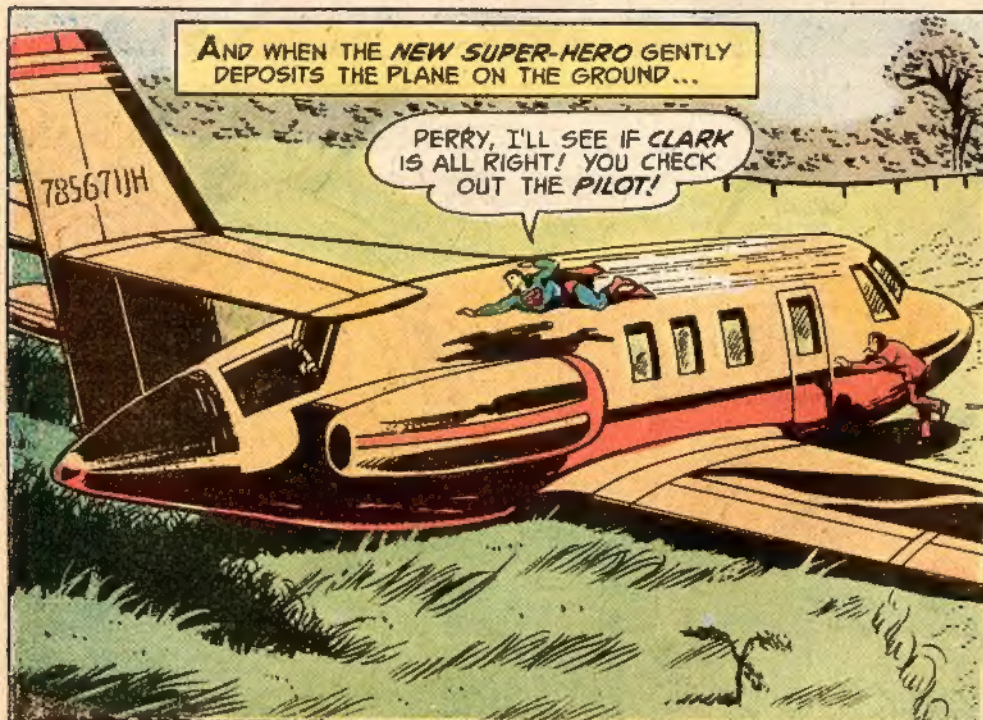
HOW'M I DOING, PAL?

SUPER... PERRY!



AND WHEN THE NEW SUPER-HERO GENTLY DEPOSITS THE PLANE ON THE GROUND...

PERRY, I'LL SEE IF CLARK IS ALL RIGHT! YOU CHECK OUT THE PILOT!



LOOKS LIKE CLARK KENT WILL BE COVERING A MUCH BIGGER STORY THAN PERRY'S WINNING THE PULITZER PRIZE...

HOW DID HE SUDDENLY GAIN SUPER-POWERS?



AFTER THE TWO NEWSMEN SWITCH TO A REGULAR COMMERCIAL FLIGHT TO NEW YORK...

SO YOU SAY, PERRY, THAT THESE "SUPER-POWERS" OF YOURS JUST APPEARED-- AND YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW?

SHH! NOT SO LOUD, CLARK! IT'S BAD ENOUGH HAVING SUPER-POWERS TO WORRY ABOUT... WITHOUT THE WHOLE WORLD KNOWING!



I WANT TO PUT ALL THAT CRAZINESS OUT OF MY HEAD AND GET ON WITH THE BUSINESS AT HAND!

WE'RE LATE! THE CEREMONY WILL START WITHOUT US!

HOW COULD IT? I'M THE GUEST OF HONOR!

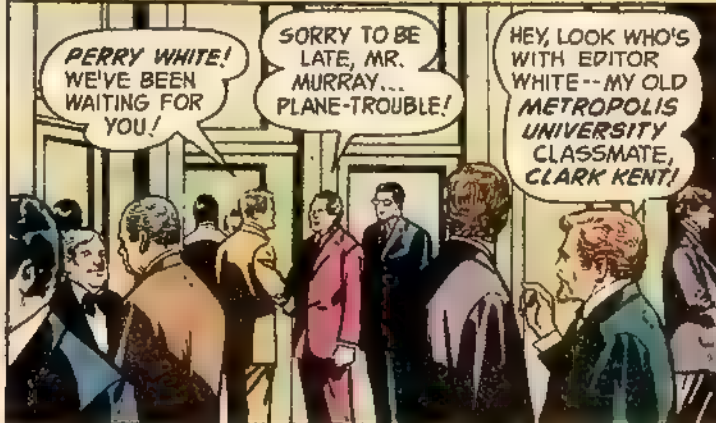
TRANS GLOBAL

AND SOON ENOUGH, IN COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S CELEBRATED WORLD ROOM...

PERRY WHITE! WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!

SORRY TO BE LATE, MR. MURRAY... PLANE-TROUBLE!

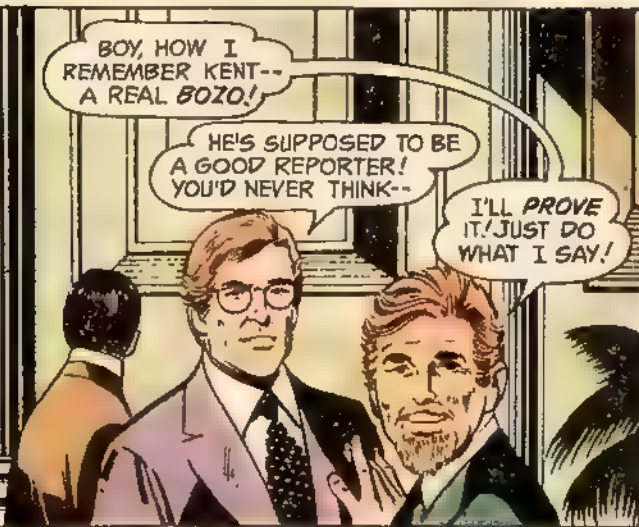
HEY, LOOK WHO'S WITH EDITOR WHITE-- MY OLD METROPOLIS UNIVERSITY CLASSMATE, CLARK KENT!



BOY, HOW I REMEMBER KENT-- A REAL BOZO!

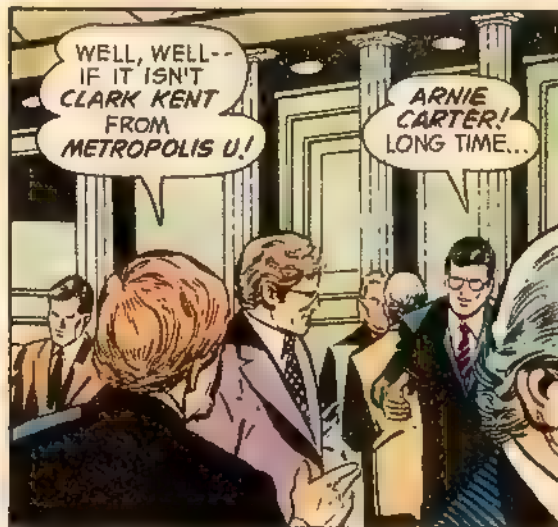
HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A GOOD REPORTER! YOU'D NEVER THINK--

I'LL PROVE IT! JUST DO WHAT I SAY!



WELL, WELL-- IF IT ISN'T CLARK KENT FROM METROPOLIS U!

ARNIE CARTER! LONG TIME...

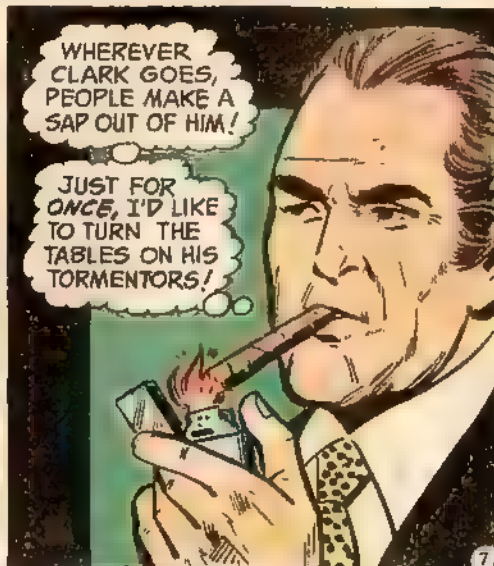


...NO SEE-->URFF!<

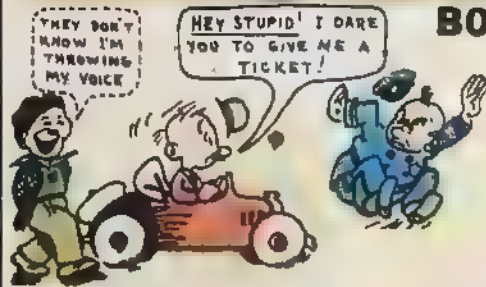


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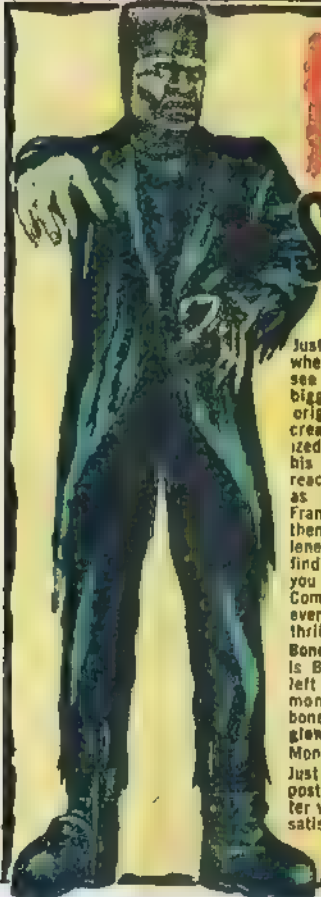
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ONLY \$1.00

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FIGURES REACH
THE ENGINEERING
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SUPERMAN! I'M SURE
GLAD A PROFESSIONAL
SUPER-HERO IS HERE
TO HANDLE THIS!

THE GROUND'S
BUCKLING! SOMETHING'S
BREAKING THROUGH
FROM BELOW!

GREAT CAESAR'S
GHOST!-- A MONSTER
MACHINE BORING UP
FROM UNDERGROUND!

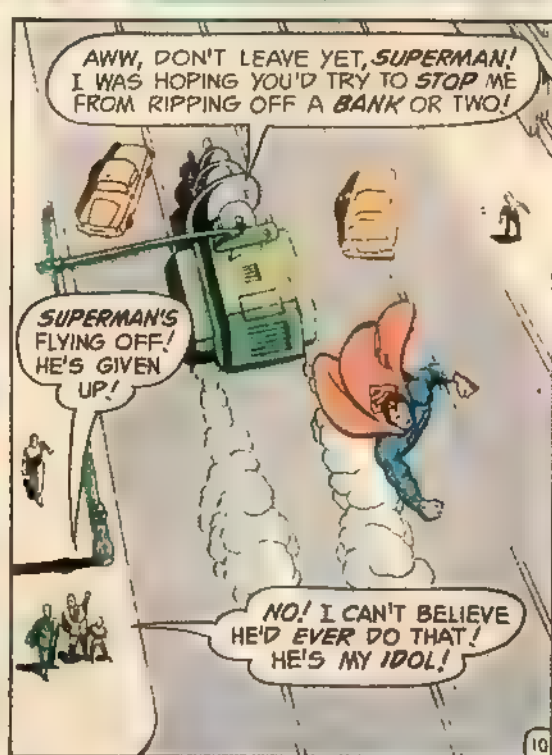
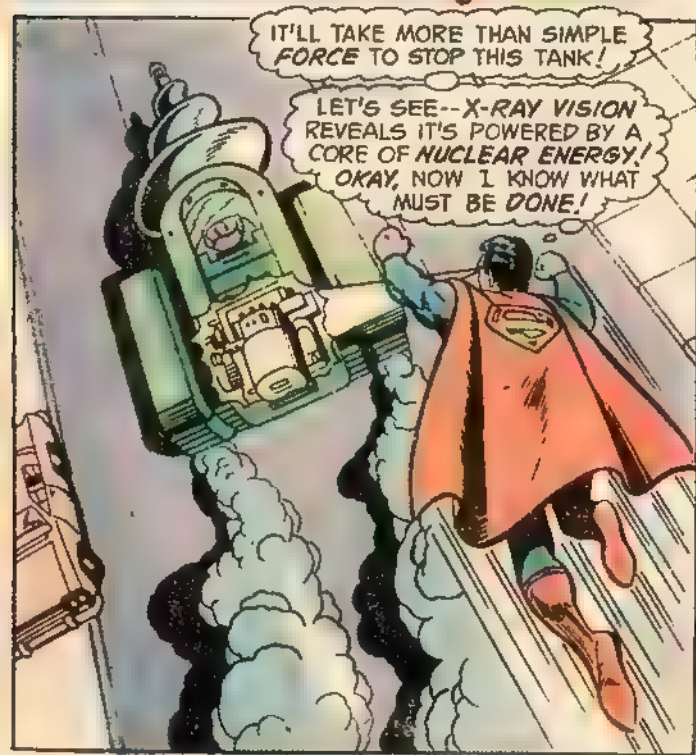
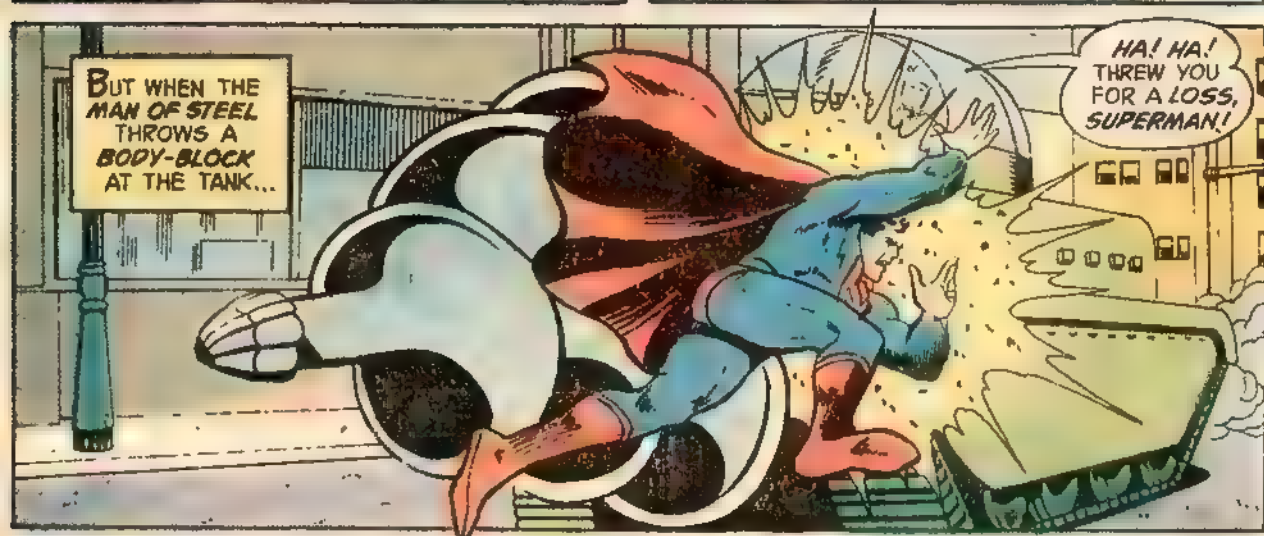
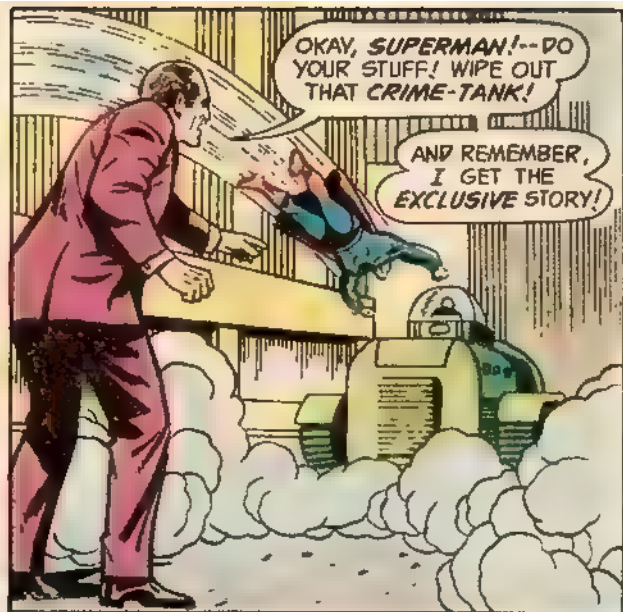
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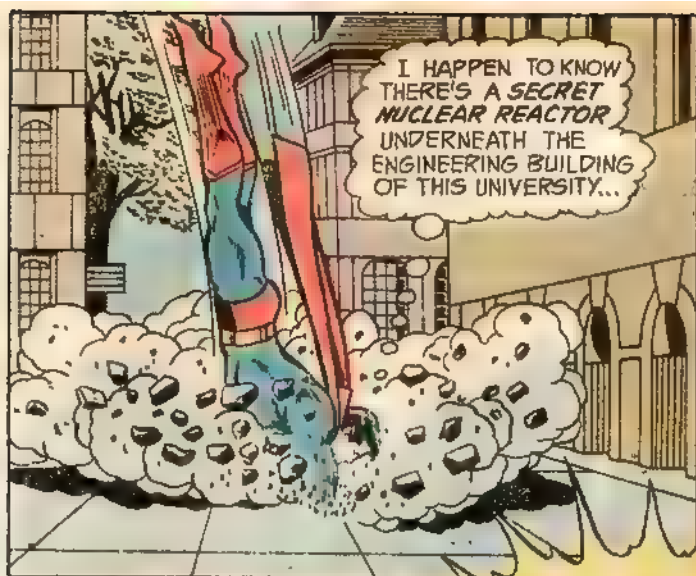
--BUT THIS
TANK IS GEARED
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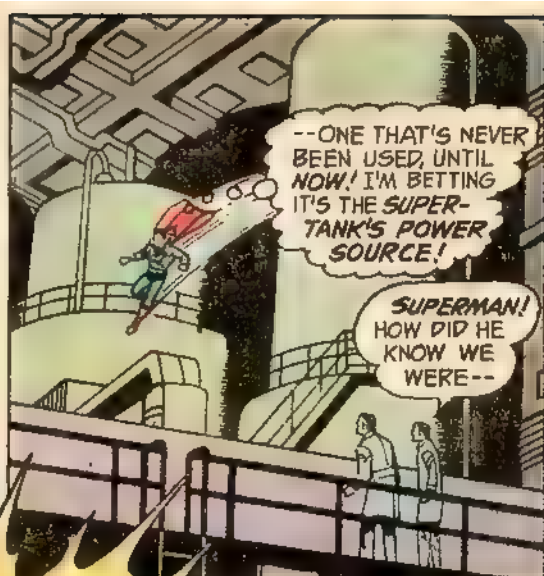
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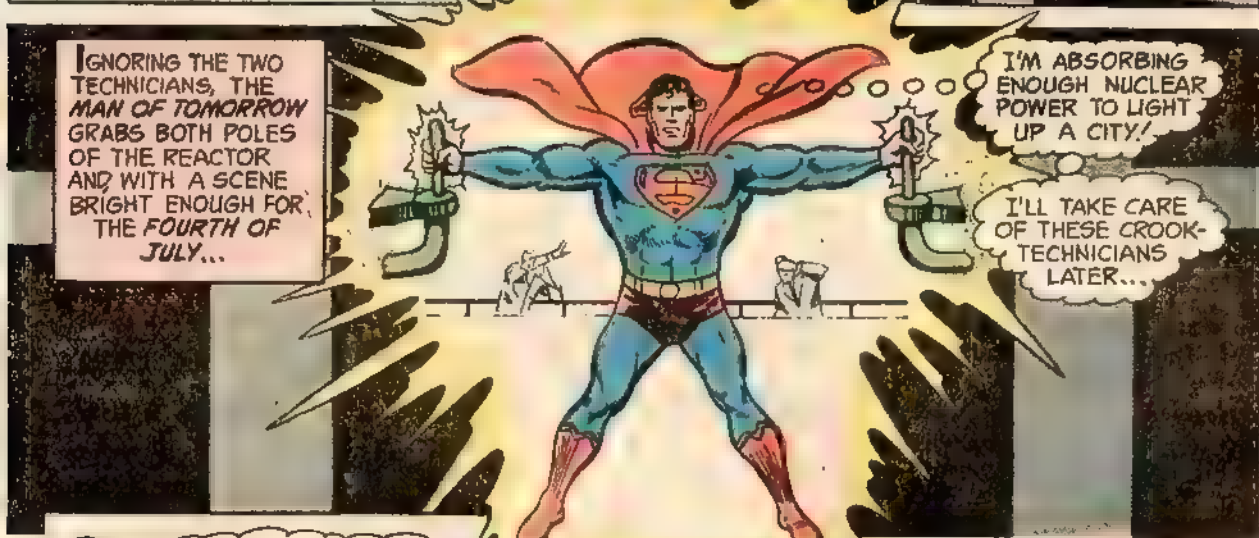


I HAPPEN TO KNOW THERE'S A **SECRET NUCLEAR REACTOR** UNDERNEATH THE ENGINEERING BUILDING OF THIS UNIVERSITY...



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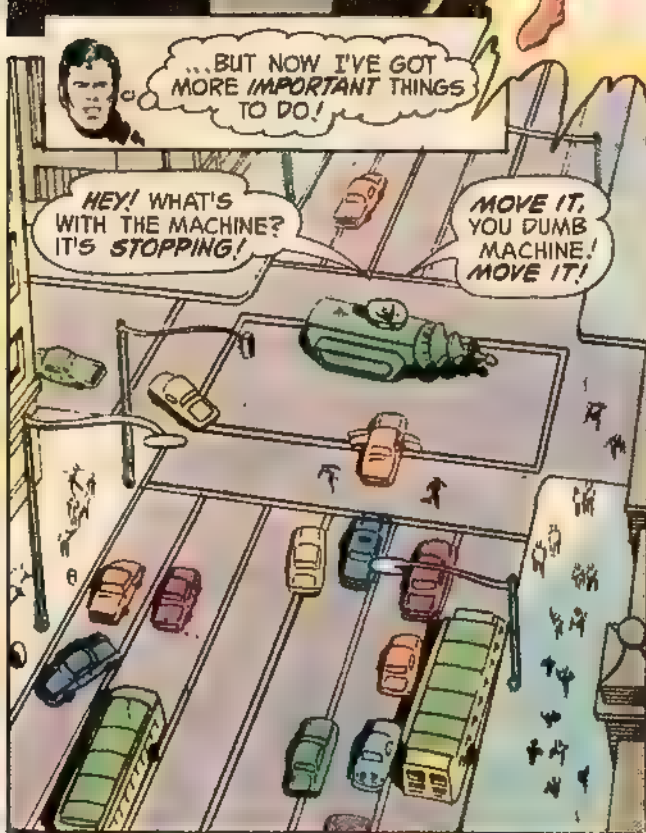
SUPERMAN! HOW DID HE KNOW WE WERE--



IGNORING THE TWO TECHNICIANS, THE **MAN OF TOMORROW** GRABS BOTH POLES OF THE REACTOR AND WITH A SCENE BRIGHT ENOUGH FOR THE **FOURTH OF JULY...**

I'M ABSORBING ENOUGH NUCLEAR POWER TO LIGHT UP A CITY!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THESE CROOK-TECHNICIANS LATER...



...BUT NOW I'VE GOT MORE **IMPORTANT** THINGS TO DO!

HEY! WHAT'S WITH THE MACHINE? IT'S **STOPPING!**

MOVE IT, YOU DUMB MACHINE! MOVE IT!



NEXT TIME IT MOVES IS WHEN I **KICK** IT OVER, FRIEND--IF YOU DON'T COME OUT OF THERE **QUIETLY!**

YOU WIN, **SUPERMAN...** BUT I'LL BE DARNED HOW YOU DID IT!

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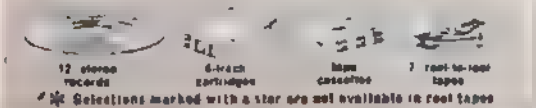
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Your own charge account will be opened upon enrollment and the selections you order as a member will be mailed and billed at the regular Club prices, records \$4.98 or \$5.98; cartridges and cassettes, \$6.98; reel tapes, \$7.98 — plus a processing and postage charge. (Occasional special selections may be somewhat higher.)

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if you want any of the other selections offered, order them on the response card and mail it by the date specified.

... and about four times a year we will offer some special selections (usually at a discount off regular Club prices), which you may reject by mailing the dated form provided . . . or accept by doing nothing.

You'll be eligible for the Club's bonus plan upon completing your enrollment agreement — a plan which enables you to save at least 33% on all your future purchases. Don't delay — Act now!

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RECORDS . . . I am enclosing check or money order for \$1.97 as payment for the 15 records indicated below. Please accept my membership application under the terms outlined in this advertisement. I agree to buy 12 more records (at regular Club prices) during the coming two years — and may cancel membership at any time after doing so.

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MY MAIN MUSICAL INTEREST IS (check one box only) (V9-Z) 65E

☐ Easy Listening 2 ☐ Teen Hits 7 ☐ Classical 1
☐ Broadway & Hollywood 3 ☐ Country 5 ☐ Jazz 4

TAPES . . . I am enclosing check or money order for \$1.97 as payment for the 11 tapes indicated below. Please accept my membership application under the terms outlined in this advertisement. I agree to buy 9 more tapes (at regular Club prices) during the coming two years — and may cancel membership at any time after doing so.

SEND ME THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF TAPES (check one box only)

Cartridges (C7-W) ☐ Cassettes (C9-X) ☐ Reel Tapes (Y8-Y) 65E

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Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Miss ☐

Please Print: First Name _____ Initial _____ Last Name _____

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City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Do You Have A Telephone? (check one) ☐ YES ☐ NO

APD, FPO addresses: write for special offer

BUT PERRY'S IN TOWN TO ACCEPT THE PULITZER PRIZE...AND WHEN THAT DELAYED EVENT IS FINALLY COMPLETED...

MR. WHITE--WHERE DID YOU DEVELOP YOUR SUPER-POWERS?

HOW LONG HAVE YOU HAD THEM?

HAVE YOU SECRETLY BEEN **SUPERMAN** ALL THESE YEARS?

GENTLEMEN OF THE PRESS-- I'M NOT NOW, NOR HAVE I **EVER** BEEN **SUPERMAN!**

OVER THE PAST FEW HOURS I'VE FOUND THAT I CAN DEVELOP ANY POWER THAT I WANT SIMPLY BY... **ASKING FOR IT!**

WAITAMINNIT! WHY DON'T I ASK FOR THE **POWER** TO KNOW WHERE MY POWERS CAME FROM?

WHAT PERRY ASKS, PERRY GETS! AN IMAGE FORMS IN HIS HEAD AND...

I SEE... ANOTHER PLANET-- INHABITED BY THOSE FOUR-THUMBED **MUTANT KIDS**...

...THE **ONES** **SUPERMAN** AND I FREED FROM THE HYPNOTIC INFLUENCE OF THE **MADMAN CALIKTO!**

FANTASTIC! THOSE KIDS BUILT AN **ULTRA-METROPOLIS** WITH THEIR **MUTANT ENERGY!** LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HOLDING A MEETING...

THE **TRIBUNAL** HAS DECIDED UPON A SUITABLE GIFT FOR OUR **BENEFACTOR ON EARTH, PERRY WHITE!**

WE TWO ARE HONORED TO BE CHOSEN TO DELIVER IT!

WE WILL TELEPORT TO **EARTH** IMMEDIATELY!

I'LL PULL MR. WHITE'S REGULAR CIGARS FROM HIS OFFICE WITH MY **MUTANT POWERS...**

...AND I'LL SUBSTITUTE **OUR** CIGARS, WHICH WILL GIVE HIM **SPECIAL POWERS** WHILE HE SMOKES THEM! HOW **PLEASED** HE'LL BE!

GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! SO THIS IS WHERE MY POWERS CAME FROM!

AND I HAVE ONLY ONE **SUPER-CIGAR** LEFT!

EPILOGUE

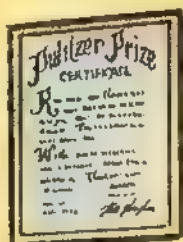
THE NEXT DAY, AS PERRY TALKS ON THE PHONE WITH AN OLD FRIEND...

YES, CLARK--I HAVE A FEELING I WON'T BE HIT WITH THOSE STRANGE SUPER-POWERS AGAIN!

IT'LL HAVE TO REMAIN A MYSTERY HOW THAT HAPPENED TO ME!

THE PULITZER PRIZE CERTIFICATE? YES, I'M LOOKING AT IT RIGHT NOW...

...AND IT LOOKS BEAUTIFUL IN A FRAME ON MY WALL!



I'M SURE THAT PRIZE WILL COME IN HANDY FOR SOMETHING, SOMEDAY!

WHAT DO I MEAN BY "HANDY"? OH, LET'S JUST SAY THAT'S ANOTHER MYSTERY!

BUT I'LL TELL YOU ONE THING, CLARK! OUR FRIEND SUPERMAN MUST GO CRAZY HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT THOSE SUPER-POWERS OF HIS ALL THE TIME!

I, FOR ONE, DON'T WANT TO HAVE SUPER-POWERS EVER AGAIN!

THAT IS, UNLESS I ABSOLUTELY NEED THEM!

SUPER-ANNOUNCEMENT!
THE NEXT



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THE WORLD'S GREATEST ARCHER GOES AFTER A RING OF TRANSPORTERS OF STOLEN GOODS... ONLY TO FIND THAT AN OLD FRIEND HAS FOUND A NEW LIFE--

YOUNG MAN WITH A DRUM!

STORY: ELLIOT S! MAGGIN ART: DICK DILLIN & TEX BLAISDELL

AND THIS GUITAR STRING IS THE ONLY CLUE YOU'RE LEAVING ME WITH, PRETTY BIRD?

SORRY, OLIVER... I THOUGHT I'D HAVE THIS CASE WRAPPED UP BY NOW...

...BUT IT'S MY TURN TO BE MONITOR IN THE JUSTICE LEAGUE SATELLITE AND THAT CAN'T WAIT!

WELL, HAVE A GOOD TIME LOOKING AT A BUNCH OF TV-SCREENS IN SPACE, BABY!

I'LL THINK ABOUT YOU, BIG FELLA!

POINT 1: THE GUITAR STRING WAS FOUND INSIDE AN EXPENSIVE CAMERA STOLEN IN MILWAUKEE AND FENCED IN STAR CITY!

POINT 2: THAT PARTICULAR TYPE OF STRING ISN'T SOLD IN STORES-- BUT USED STRICTLY BY PROFESSIONALS!

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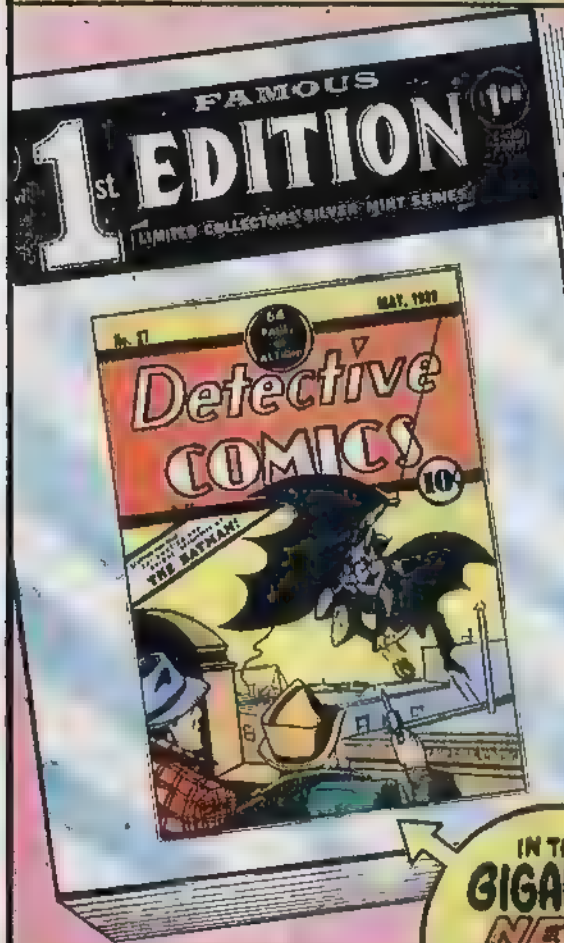
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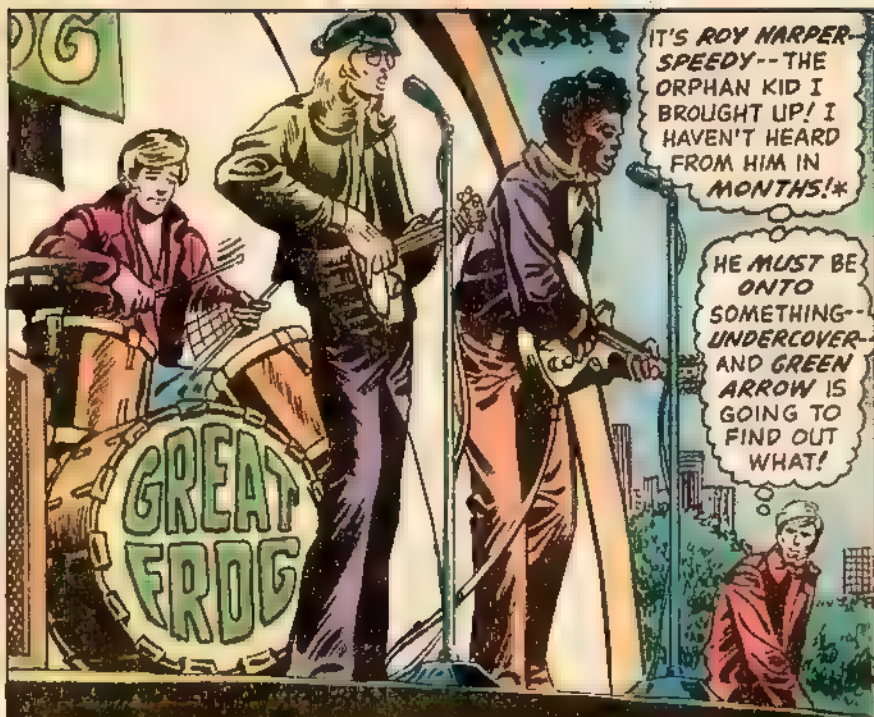
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SNOOPING AROUND TOWN...

SO FAR... NOTHIN'! THE
BAND-SHELL HERE IN THE
PARK IS FEATURING A GROUP
CALLED **GREAT FROG**!

THEY HIT ALL
THE BIG CITIES
ON A **CROSS-
COUNTRY TOUR**...
WHAT?!

THAT
KID ON THE
DRUMS...

**GREAT
FROG**



IT'S **ROY HARPER-
SPEEDY**-- THE
ORPHAN KID I
BROUGHT UP! I
HAVEN'T HEARD
FROM HIM IN
MONTHS!*

HE **MUST BE
ONTO
SOMETHING--
UNDERCOVER-
AND GREEN
ARROW IS
GOING TO
FIND OUT
WHAT!**

*EVER SINCE ROY WENT OUT ON HIS OWN IN **GREEN LANTERN #86**... EDITOR

QUICKLY CHANGING INTO
COSTUME, **OLLIE QUEEN**
FINDS HIS WARD'S
DRESSING ROOM...

HEY--
THIS LOOKS
LIKE A
**FALSE
BOTTOM**
IN THE
SNARE
DRUM
CASE...

... **CONCEALING
HIGH-PRICED
CAMERAS!**

WHOEVER
BOOKS **GIGS**
FOR THESE
GROUPS
SECRETLY PACKS
STOLEN HARDWARE
WITH THE KIDS'
EQUIPMENT!

MEANING
THE KIDS
UNWITTINGLY
CARRY THE
LOOT FROM
ONE CITY TO
ANOTHER
WHERE IT'S
SOLD WITH-
OUT HEAT!

IF I KNOW **SPEEDY... ROY...**
HE'S GOT THIS CASE JUST
ABOUT WRAPPED UP!

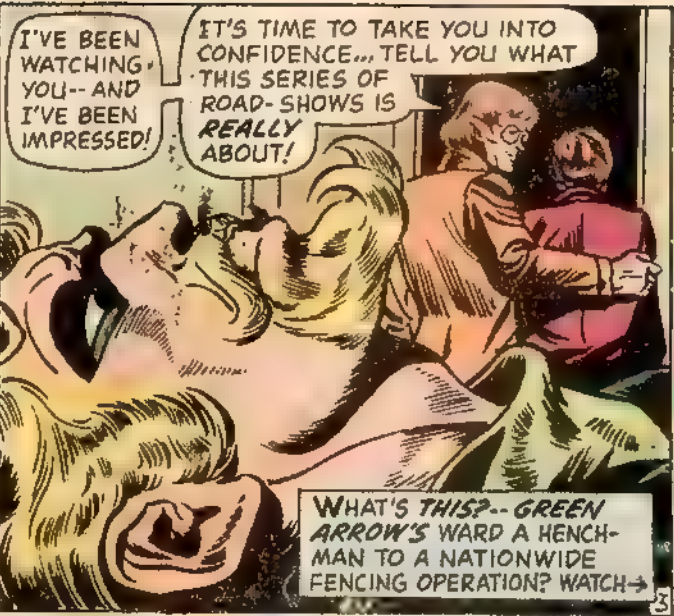
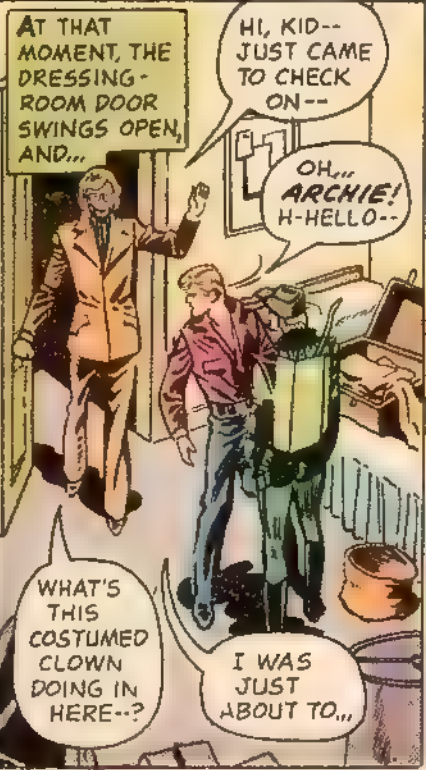
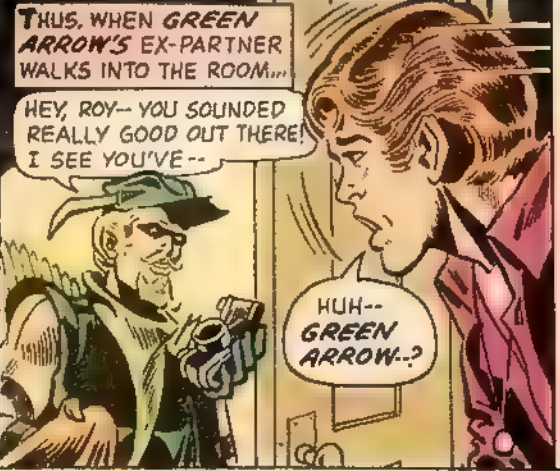
CAN'T WAIT TO SEE
HIS FACE WHEN HE
FINDS **ME** HERE!

MEANWHILE,
OUTSIDE IN THE
BAND-SHELL...

MAN, DIG
THAT
APPLAUSE!
THOSE
CATS
LIKED
US!

I'LL
CATCH
YOU
GUYS
LATER!

NICE GOIN', **ROY!**
YOU BEAT A
MEAN TOM-
TOM!



I'LL SEND IN A COUPLE OF THE BOYS... DISPOSE OF THE DUDE IN THE ROBIN HOOD GET-UP...

...AND I'LL TAKE YOU TO MEET THE MAN IN CHARGE OF OUR OPERATION!

YEAH, YOU'LL GO FAR, KID-- REAL FAR!

SOON, THE DRESSING ROOM DOOR IS OPENED AGAIN 'AS...

WHEN THE CHIEF SAID WE'D FIND A "DEAD WEIGHT" TO REMOVE FROM HERE I NEVER THOUGHT IT'D BE THIS!

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WONDER WHO COULDA DECKED HIM OUT LIKE THIS -- ?

-- MUSTA BEEN--

--URGFPHH!

MUSTA BEEN SOMEBODY...

...A HECKNVA LOT MORE FORMIDABLE...

...THAN BOTH OF YOU PUT TOGETHER!

GURFF--

MEANWHILE, A FLIGHT ABOVE A MUSIC CENTER...

YEAH... I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED WHO THE MYSTERY MAN WAS THAT BOOKS THE ROCK BANDS' TOUR-APPEARANCES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY!

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AH, YES! WE'VE BEEN KEEPING AN EYE ON YOU, YOUNG MAN!

I KNEW ROY WAS **READY** FOR THE ORGANIZATION WHEN HE SLUGGED **GREEN ARROW** THIS AFTER-NOON!--
FLATTENED HIM!

THERE'S A LOT OF ROOM FOR A BRIGHT YOUNG MAN LIKE YOU...

...IN SMUGGLING, DRUG TRAFFIC, COUNTERFEITING--

I'M GLAD YOU TOLD ME THAT, MR. AUBREY...

DID IN THE **ARROW**, EH?

LOOK, KID... WE'RE NOT JUST A SIMPLE FENCING-OF-STOLEN-GOODS OPERATION...

...BECAUSE THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT...

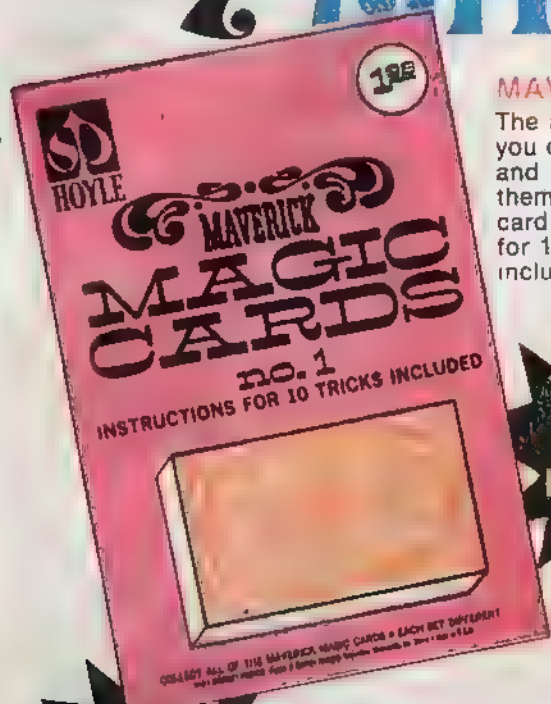
...I WANTED TO **KNOW**!

URFF--

WHA--
GREEN ARROW--!

NONE OTHER, **BUNKIE**!

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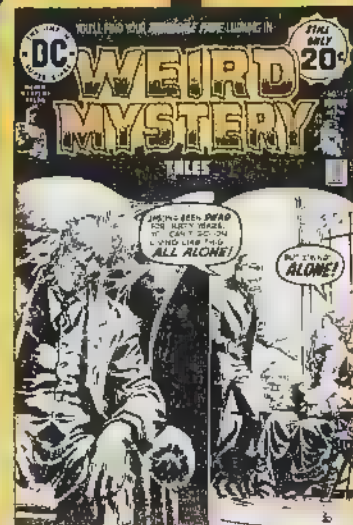
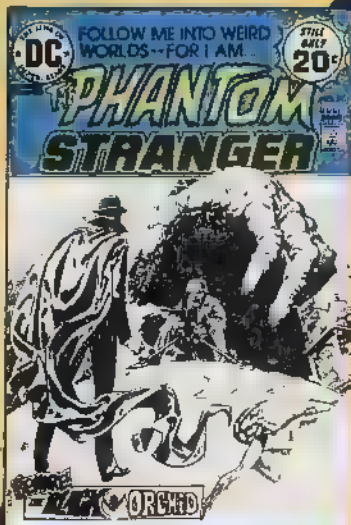
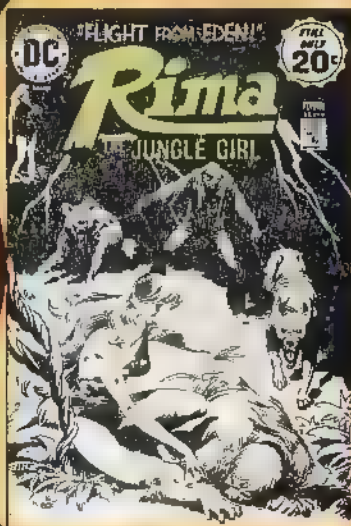
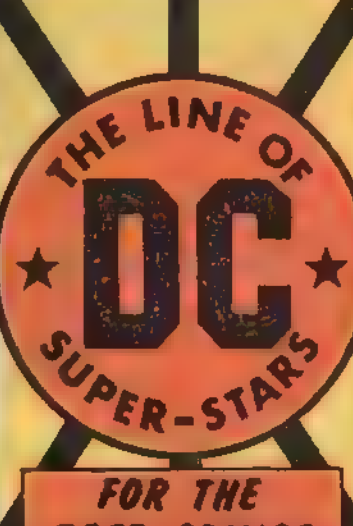
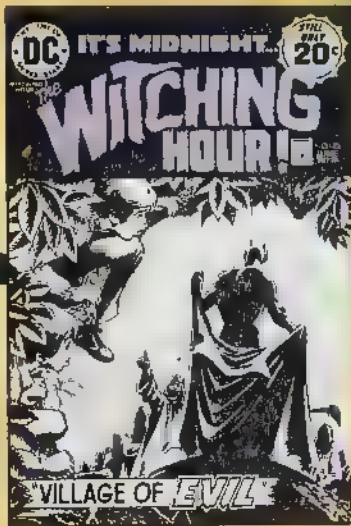
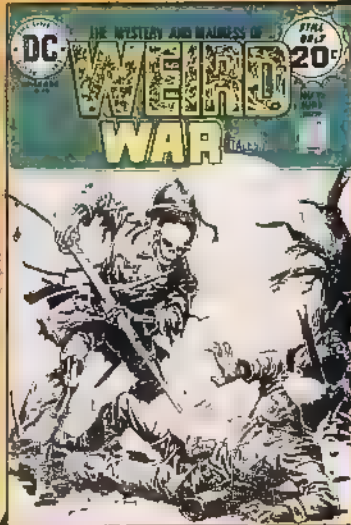
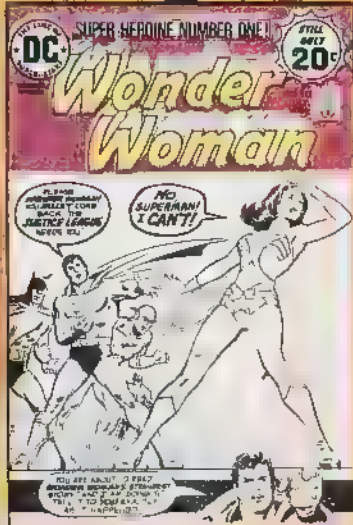
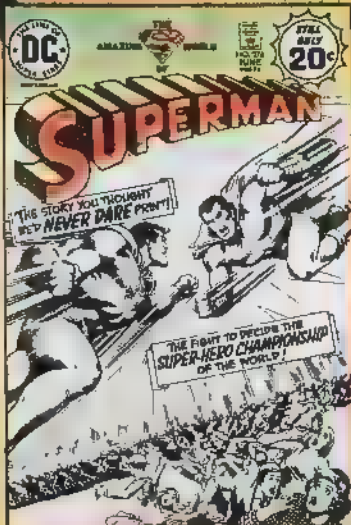
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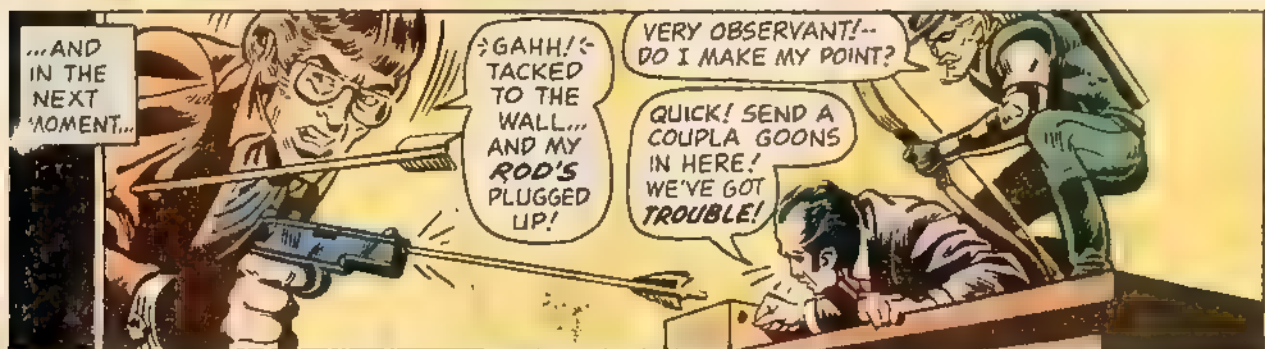
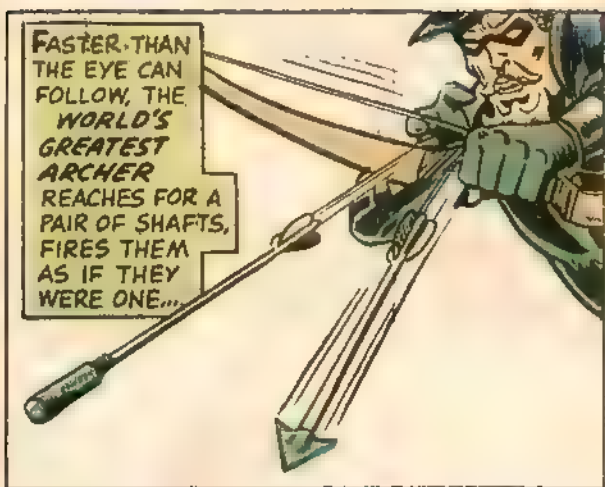
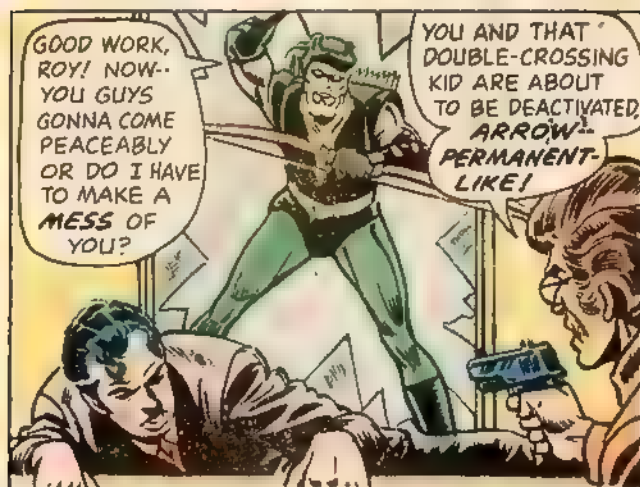
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THOSE CRUMBS WON'T
BE TAKING ADVANTAGE
OF KIDS TO FENCE
STOLEN
GOODS
ANY
MORE!

YOU KNOW, PAL,
YOU COULD HAVE
GIVEN ME A
BETTER **LEAD** TO
WHERE YOU
WERE GOING
TO BE!

I MEAN,
THAT
CHEESY
RADIO-
TRACKING
DEVICE
YOU LEFT
BEHIND
ISN'T THE
MOST
EFFICIENT
WAY OF
TAILING
SOMEONE!

AHH! I
WOUL'DVE
MANAGED
TO GET IT
TOGETHER
MYSELF
IF YOU
HADN'T
MADE IT
HERE IN
TIME!

**LISTEN--
DON'T
BE SO
HEAD-
STRONG!**

YOU'D HAVE
MY HELP
MORE OFTEN
IF YOU'D LET
ME KNOW
WHERE YOU
ARE AND
WHAT YOU'RE
DOING ONCE
IN AWHILE!

LOOK WHO'S TELLING
ME NOT TO BE
HEADSTRONG-- THE
EGO-KING OF THE
**WESTERN HEMI-
SPHERE!**

WHAT I'LL BE DOING
FOR AWHILE IS
TRYING TO GET THAT
BAND I'M PLAYING
WITH INTO SHAPE!

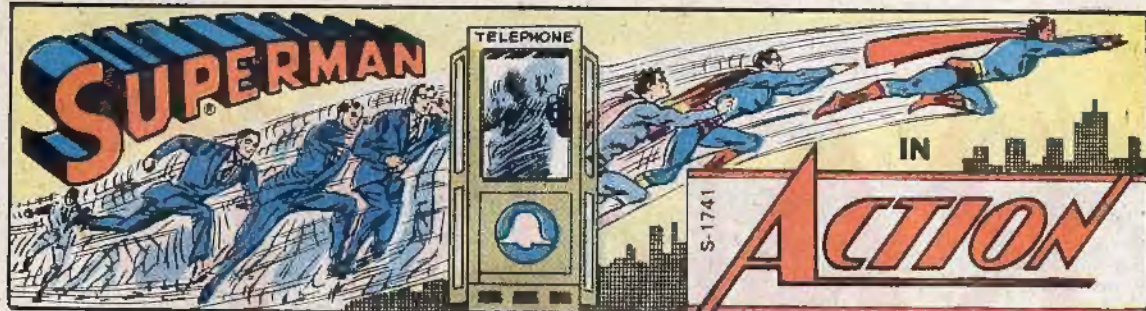
YOU'LL BE HEARING
A LOT ABOUT **GREAT
FROG** IN THE NEXT
FEW MONTHS-- IF
WE MAKE IT!

BUT I STILL NEED
TO BE A **LONER**
FOR AWHILE! GOT
TO SORT THINGS
OUT... GET MY HEAD
TOGETHER!

YOU CAN DIG
THAT, CAN'T
YOU?

YEAH, I
CAN DIG
THAT... SON!

THE END



Dear Mr. Bridwell and Mr. Schwartz:

Another issue of *Action Comics*, another affirmation that this title is the finest product of the comic industry. You've fallen into a rut of impeccable quality. May you remain there for 35 more years.

Upon seeing the cover of *Action* #432, I was startled to see *Bat-Mite* blasting *Superman* with your average raygun. A closer look revealed that the character in question was too slender to be *Bat-Mite*, and besides, this guy had a third ear in the middle of his cowl.

"Target of the Toyman" was a light, fast-moving yarn that was, surprisingly enough, comparable to your heavier plots, not to mention equally enjoyable. If my data serves me correctly, the *Toyman* has not appeared in one of your comics (excluding reprints) since *Superman* #182 (Jan., '66) except for a cameo in *World's Finest* #159, August of that year. It was nice to see an old friend after such a long period of time. The *Toyman* is unique in that he is as formidable as any of *Superman's* foes—i.e., *Luthor*, *Brainiac*—yet he's not the type that evokes a passionate hate from the reader. Touching as the final scene was, I was sorry to see the *Toyman* renounce any further criminal actions. Apparently no one has questioned *Winslow P. Schott's* whereabouts during his eight-year absence, but the knowledge that he shall probably never return is like saying good-bye to an old friend.

I've commented on Curt Swan and Murphy Anderson's artwork on many occasions, and it goes without saying that all of it was praise. But this was it! The epitome of their collaboration was "Target of the Toyman!" The late George Klein was, in my opinion, the finest inker for Swan's pencils. However, on occasion, he didn't put enough emphasis on the internal lines and shadowing. Murphy, on the other hand, usually overemphasizes these—never to excess, just a little more than necessary. This masterpiece was the median of the two extremes. *Perfect!*

Well, I suppose you'll receive many letters from fans protesting the return of an old "camp" character, even if it was his swan song (his Anderson song?). Perhaps they're afraid the *Toyman* is only the first to return from limbo—that he precedes the *Frankster*, *Mr. Mxyzptik*, *Bizarro*, etc. I'm all for it, as long as the appearances are not pushed to the limit. I think the dissenters would decrease rapidly. No one is immune to nostalgia.

"The Million-Dollar Methuselah Contract" was another resounding success for Messrs. Wein, Giordano and Schwartz. *The Human Target* series outclasses any TV detective series by a long shot.

Scott Paton, Ellicott City, Md.

(Yes, we did receive some letters of protest. In fact, here comes one of those fans you were talking about.—E.N.B.)



Dear J.S.:

Action #432 was the most amazing thing I have ever seen. In this issue, you have taken *Superman's* whole reason for existence away. *Superman* was created as the dream hero for people everywhere. He was meant to be bold, daring, dynamic. He was the ultimate "straight" fantasy hero. He made us feel awe.

Captain Marvel was created to make us see the faults of our

heroes. He shows us the warmth and humor in power. The heroes' reasons for being were 100% different.

"Target of the Toyman" gave us a villain who shrinks and fishes for planes, writes messages in chocolate syrup, blows explosive bubble gum animals and shoots poisonous cotton candy. We were also given another "villain" who sprouts a propeller, shoots a plunger with a bow, romps through the air on a jet-propelled pogo stick and captures rockets with a butterfly net. But the worst thing of all is that the hero doesn't view this as the worst insanity, but joins the "fun" by dribbling a human being! This inspires awe???

This could easily have been a *Captain Marvel* story (but *Cap* would have done it with style). This is not my *Superman*. I'll bet the majority of the readers agree, too.

In the Golden Age, *Superman* readers were generally not *Captain Marvel* readers and vice-versa. Today they share the same readers. If they become too much alike, the readers will lose interest and sales will drop. In short, *Supes* is *Supes* and *Cap* is *Cap*, and if you try to mingle the two concepts, you may kill both heroes.

Ed Smith, Bronxville, N.Y.

(You clearly weren't around during the Golden Age. I was—and I read both *Superman* and *Captain Marvel* Adventures, as did most of my friends. The *Toyman* was in his heyday then, as was the *Frankster*.—E.N.B.)



Dear Editor:

Crazy perfectly describes "Target of the Toyman!" The story was pure camp, at points inane, and darned if I didn't like every bit of it.

It's hard to explain, but I enjoyed this *Superman* story immensely! The entire thing was totally outrageous. It could be that I was just in the mood for some frivolity, or it could be Cary Bates is a bigger genius than I thought.

I never suspected the original *Toyman* was on the side of the *Man of Steel*! You can't blame me for thinking that way and I'll explain why. In the past, so-called reformed crooks would come out of retirement and become totally crooked again. But not this time! Cary Bates was brazen enough to let the reformed baddie stay reformed. It's bound to shake the comic world!

This was undoubtedly one of the best *Superman* tales this year, but don't get carried away. A little "camp" is good for the soul, but only at infrequent intervals.

Backing up this fantastic *Superman* adventure was an equally fantastic *Human Target* adventure. The entire story was well done, but I loved that ending the most.

Joe Pelusa, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(You forgot one reformed baddie who stayed reformed—The Flash's one-time foe, Mr. Element.—E.N.B.)



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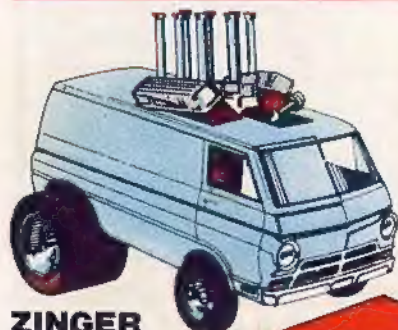
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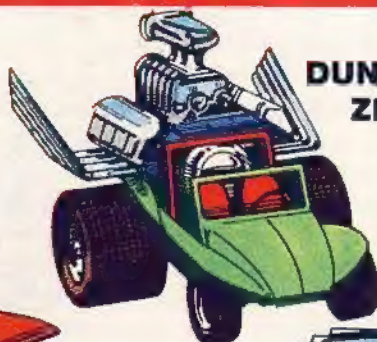
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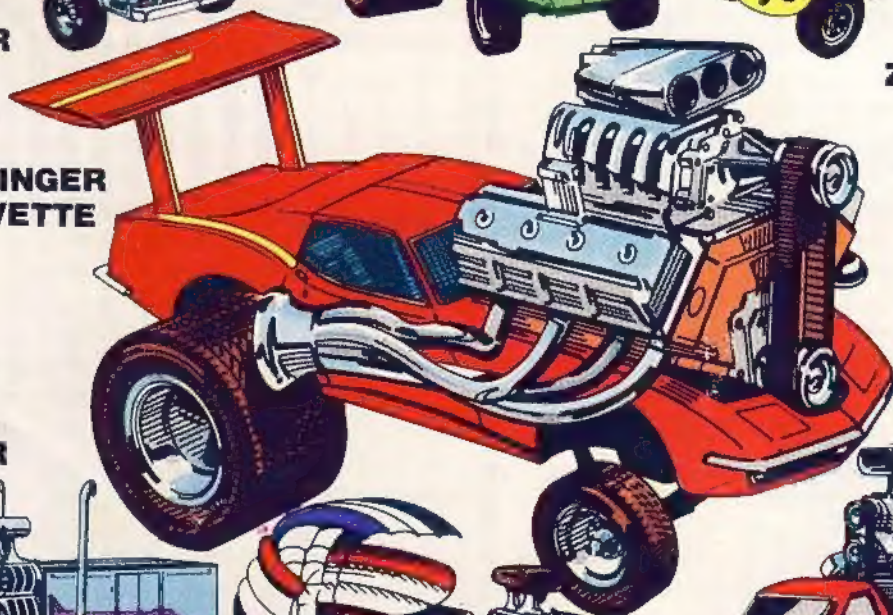


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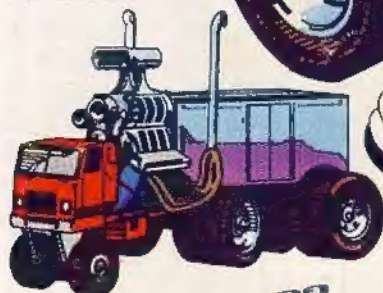


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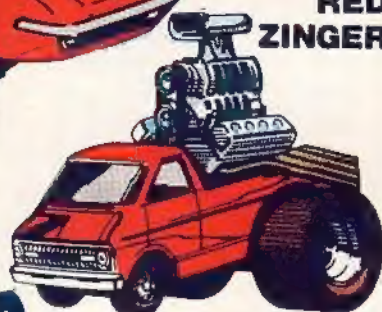
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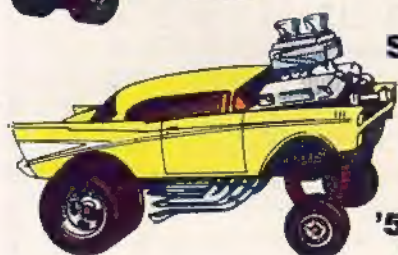
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